

rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by December 12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Air Quality Planning and Information Services Branch, Mailcode 3AP21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103; the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room B108, Washington, DC 20460; and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Quality, PO Box 8468, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine L. Magliocchetti, (215) 814-2174, or by e-mail at magliocchetti.catherine@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action, with the same title, that is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** publication.

Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this redesignation request, maintenance plan and emissions inventory for the CO nonattainment area in southwestern Pennsylvania, and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

Dated: October 17, 2002.

Thomas C. Voltaggio,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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National Emission Standard for Benzene Waste Operations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; amendments.

SUMMARY: We are proposing to amend the national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) for benzene waste operations, promulgated on March 7, 1990 (55 FR 8346), under the authority of section 112 of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The amendments add an exemption for organic vapors routed to the fuel gas system and a new compliance option for tanks, and clarify the standards for containers.

In the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**, we are taking direct final action on the proposed amendments because we view this action as noncontroversial, and anticipate no adverse comment. We have explained our reasons for the amendments in the preamble to the direct final rule.

If we receive no adverse comment, we will take no further action on the proposed amendments. If we receive adverse comment, we will withdraw the direct final amendments and they will not take effect.

DATES: *Comments.* We must receive comments by December 12, 2002, unless a hearing is requested by November 22, 2002.

Public Hearing. If anyone contacts us requesting to speak at a public hearing by November 22, 2002, a public hearing will be held on November 27, 2002.

ADDRESSES: *Comments.* By U.S. Postal Service, send comments (in duplicate, if possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102T), Attention Docket No. A-2001-23, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. In person or by courier, deliver comments (in duplicate, if possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102T), Attention Docket No. A-2001-23, Room B-108, U.S. EPA, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. We request a separate copy of each public comment be sent to the contact person listed below (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Public Hearing. If a public hearing is held, it will begin at 10 a.m. and will be held at the U.S. EPA new facility

complex in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, or an alternative site nearby. You should contact Ms. JoLynn Collins, U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-5671 to request a public hearing, to request to speak at a public hearing, or to find out if a hearing will be held.

Docket. Docket No. A-2001-23 contains supporting information used in developing the proposed amendments. The docket is located at the U.S. EPA, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460 in room B-108, and may be inspected from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert B. Lucas, Waste and Chemical Process Group, Emission Standards Division (C439-03), Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, telephone number (919) 541-0884, electronic mail (e-mail), lucas.bob@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For information concerning applicability and rule determinations, contact the appropriate regional representative:

U.S. EPA New England, Director, Air Compliance Programs, 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100 (SEA), Boston, MA 02114-2023. Phone contact: (617) 918-1656. FAX: (617) 918-1112.
U.S. EPA—Region II, Air Compliance Branch, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007-1866. Phone (212) 637-3000. FAX: (212) 637-3526.
U.S. EPA—Region III, Chief, Air Enforcement Branch (3AP12), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029. Phone: (215) 814-3438. FAX: (215) 814-2134. Region III Office Website: www.epa.gov/reg3artd/hazpollut/hazairpol.htm.
U.S. EPA—Region IV, Air and Radiation Technology Branch, Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, GA 30303-3104. Phone: (404) 562-9105. FAX: (404) 562-9095.
U.S. EPA—Region V, Air Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch (AE17J), 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604-3590. Phone: (312) 353-2088. FAX: (312) 353-8289.
U.S. EPA—Region VI, Chief, Toxics Enforcement Section (EN-AT), 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75202-2733. Phone: (214) 665-7224. FAX: (214) 665-2146. Region VI Office Website: www.epa.gov/region6.
Region VII, Bill Peterson, U.S. EPA, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66101. Phone: (913) 551-7881. FAX: (913) 551-7467.
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